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PRICE THREE CENTS

Narberth Does Not Follow State

Pinchot Leads in Local Balloting

Lower Merion Republicans joined with the thousands of other voters last Tuesday and did their share in helping to roll up the big majority against Governor Pinchot.

Narberth, on the other hand, was one of the few districts in the county to give Pinchot a majority over Strassburger, and the vote was very close, the total being 232 for Pinchot and 218 for Strassburger in Senator Stille's home borough.

Every district in the township gave Ralph B. Strassburger a majority over the Governor, and in several of the districts the two colored men, Jones and Philpot, received as many votes as Pinchot. In fact, the Governor only beat out Jones in the township total by 138 votes.

Senator Pepper was high among the candidates for delegate-at-large, with a total of 1823; Harry Baker came next, with 1799; Andrew Mellon had 1739, Senator Reed 1718, Mrs. Martin 1648, Strassburger 1594, Vare 1298, Pinchot 700, Jones 562, and Philpot 467.

Gladwyne, the home of Commissioner Barker, gave Pinchot only 10 votes, to 119 for Strassburger. He only had 15 in General Wayne district, and 26 in both Rosemont and Penedo districts.

Complete return from thirty-eight of the sixty-seven counties, representing 3,813 election districts, show W. Harry Baker, chairman of the Republican State Committee, to be leading the delegates-at-large field. The figures are: Baker, 351,830; Senator Pepper, 346,310; Secretary Mellon, 344,575; Senator Reed, 334,691; Strassburger, 328,397; Mrs. J. Willis Martin, 324,173; Congressman Vare, 316,827; Governor Pinchot, 126,087; Jones, 92,254, and Philpot, 73,661.

Benjamin H. Ludlow, Esq., of Ardmore, who was renominated for the State General Assembly, received a fine vote of confidence in his home township, having a total of 1774 votes, although he had no opposition for the office.

The Democrats polled a larger vote than usual in the township and gave a majority for McAvoy and Grim over Keck and Bowen.

In addition to electing the seven delegates-at-large and seventy-two district delegates, two for each Congressional district, to the Cleveland convention, the Republicans through the State renominated Frank M. Trexler, Allentown, for another term as Judge of the Superior Court; Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis, York, as State Treasurer, and Brigadier General Edward Martin, Washington County, for Auditor General.

The Democrats nominated Mrs. Margaret C. Klingensmith, in charge of the library of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, for Judge of the Superior Court; Hever Ermentrout, Reading, for State Treasurer, and John R. Collins, Potter County, for Auditor General.

Each party nominated a total of thirty-six Congressmen through the State, twenty-five members of the State Senate coming from the odd-numbered districts and 208 members of the House of Representatives.

Results in Narberth

Superior Court	
Trexler	325
State Treasurer	
Thompson	149
Lewis	205
Auditor General	
Martin	285
Connor	50
Delegate-at-Large	
Strassburger	218
Baker	333
Mellon	361
Vare	214
Pinchot	232
Martin	335
Jones	103
Pepper	382
Reed	351
Philpot	87
District Delegate	
Johnson	281
Grundy	256
Alternate District Delegate	
Highley	289
James	282
Congress	
Watson	284
State Committee	
Johnson	285
Kirkbride	306
Assemblyman	
Ludlow	839

Greet New Pastor of Church

Methodists Hold Reception for Rev. Dawson

The reception tendered the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Dawson by the Methodist Episcopal folks at the "Little Church on the Hill" on Monday evening was a most delightful affair.

Mrs. Edward B. Stanley opened the program with a beautiful organ number. Miss Fern Reger followed with a piano solo, which was well received. Dr. Harry M. Chalfant then, in his usual happy way, welcomed the new pastor and his wife on behalf of the congregation.

A quartet composed of Miss Ruth Prescott, Miss Mary McFalls, Mr. Julius Brasseman and Mr. Henry A. Frye sang a number of selections, mostly negro spirituals, which were well rendered and greatly appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Eunice Vining Frye charmed her hearers by her readings.

Dr. A. S. Demmy, of the Baptist Church, Mrs. Dr. McLinn, of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Jacob Lessey brought greetings from their churches. These were very clever but short addresses and showed the beautiful fraternal spirit existing among the churches of the town.

Dr. Dawson then in a few words expressed appreciation of the kindly welcome extended to himself and Mrs. Dawson. He very promptly and easily made his way into the hearts of his hearers, leaving the impression that a strong man with a worth-while message has come to our community.

A committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Mrs. Robert E. Pattison, Jr., Mrs. A. W. Ward, and Mr. Roy Smith assisted Rev. and Mrs. Dawson in greeting the members and friends of the congregation. The program of the evening was planned by Mrs. Harry M. Chalfant and refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. Etta Walker, Mrs. Robt. Compton and Mrs. Parker Miller.

The church was beautifully decorated by Miss Miriam Ward.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET

Plans for the Firemen's Banquet are progressing. The dinner is to be held on Saturday evening, May 10, at 7 o'clock, and is a testimonial to the active members of the Narberth Fire Company, in recognition of their self-sacrificing and meritorious work.

It would be hard to find a volunteer fire company in which the three fire fighting essentials, prompt response, efficient work and small water damage are so well combined. The active members deserve much credit for their dependability and readiness for service. Their call may come in summer sun or blinding sleet. The song of the siren may cause them to drop their tools, leave a meal or jump out of a warm bed. A man may be feeling fit or feeling miserable. He may have duties or pleasures at hand, but when the whistle blows he becomes a minute man. He has no time to slick his hair or don the red shirt. He becomes a man of one idea, to get to that fire and put it out.

Chief Noll says that the acceptances are coming in fast and urges all those who wish to attend to make response without delay.

The seating capacity of the hall has almost been reached, and when it is reached, the list must be closed.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS

The Harold D. Speakman Post, 356, American Legion, has issued invitations to all organizations in the Community to join with them in the Memorial Day Observance Plans.

The parade will start at 9 o'clock, and will end at the Community Play Ground, where several addresses will be made.

The Boy Scouts, Fire Company, Community Clubs, Legion Auxiliary, School Children and other organizations will be in line; and of course there will be music to help us to keep in step.

A general invitation is issued to all organizations to join in this affair. Kindly send your acceptance to the Legion Post, P. O. Box 937.

GARMENTS NEEDED

The Evangel Circle, King's Daughters, cordially invites all folks in Narberth who have cast-off garments, furniture, etc., that they have no further use for when through housecleaning. Will you please phone Narberth 1652-R, or Narberth 386-R? The rummage will be held Friday, May 16th.

Legion Show to be Held May Ninth

Joint Meeting with Auxiliary Monday

Plans for the show to be held May 9th have been going on apace. The Narberth Nightingale reports that he is well rested up from his sojourn into the wilds of Jersey and ready to do his worst when called upon.

Considerable excitement has been caused by the report that Walter Case, the Al Jolson of Narberth, has been engaged to perform. Mr. Case, when interviewed by your correspondent, was becomingly modest about the whole thing and predicted great success for the show.

Monday night, there is to be a joint meeting of the Post and the Ladies' Auxiliary for the purpose of putting the show over with a bang. The committee on entertainment has promised some fine talent in the shape of singers imported direct from Rochester, N. Y., where from all accounts they have been very successful.

A great deal depends on the support of Legion Members to the show and that can only be consummated by a good attendance Monday night. Unfortunately, interest in Legion matters has lagged a bit lately and that condition must be remedied. A great many fellows have deserted the ranks, they say, due to the Legion's stand on the "Bonus." Following out that argument, all Democrats should have left the country when Mr. Harding was elected! Think it over.

Your correspondent has been the recipient of numerous delicately scented notes and many phone calls, all demanding the authentic dope on whether or not Frank Fretz is going to sing "Women." This being a very delicate matter, we are not going to officially commit ourselves in any way. Besides it gives us a vicarious thrill to receive so much attention from the square sex, even though it be indirect. Tickets are now on the market and buying has been brisk. Elm Hall will be taxed to the limit to accommodate the crowd. We advise an early appearance.

ALUMNAE AID

Mrs. Townsend Ladington, of Ardmore, is vice-chairman of the Philadelphia alumnae committee appointed in connection with the Bryn Mawr College sixth quadrennial May Day celebration to be held on the college campus May 9 and 10, for the benefit of the endowment of the music department and the auditorium of the students' building.

Mrs. Richard S. Francis, of Haverford, is chairman of the committee of graduates on the Main Line who will have charge of affairs in their communities.

Mrs. Francis' associates on the Main Line committee are: The Misses Mary Albertson, Helen Biddle, Eleanor O. Brownell, Gertrude S. Ely, Alice Howland, Abby Kirk, Margaret Ladd, Elsie Lowrey, Ulericka H. Oberg and Mrs. Charles B. Dudley, Mrs. William C. Ladd, Mrs. Carroll B. Nichols and Mrs. Robert M. Stinson, and Mrs. Jacques L. Vauchain, all of Bryn Mawr; Miss Elsie Andrews and Mrs. John J. Boerlick, of Merion; The Misses Francis Ferris, Elizabeth Pharo, Mary Christine Smith and Mrs. Richard L. Barrows, Mrs. William H. Collins, Mrs. Clarence C. Hoag, Mrs. Andrew D. Hunt and Mrs. Arthur Thomas, all of Haverford; Mrs. Monroe Buckley, Mrs. H. Wilson Moorhouse and Mrs. Henry N. Woolman, all of Ardmore; Misses Mary Converse, Anne Vauchain and Mrs. Bernard T. Converse, Mrs. Alva B. Johnson, Mrs. Daniel S. Keller and Mrs. Samuel Vauchain, Jr., all of Rosemont; Mrs. N. C. Cregar, of Radnor; Miss Annette Gest, of Overbrook; Mrs. Henry S. Jeanes, of Devon, and Miss Beatrice McGeorge, of Wynnewood.

In Cynwyd, Mrs. R. Henderson Farley, 313 Bangor Road, is chairman of the committee, and her associates are Miss Edith Melcher, Mrs. George W. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Arthur H. Quinn and Mrs. Wayne Sensenig.

The Festival is being produced by Mrs. Otis Skinner; Samuel Arthur King is director of plays, and Mrs. Caroline Morrow, Chadwick-Collins is manager.

NEXT WEEK

Do not forget to see your friends in the Junior Club about tickets for "The Charm School," to be given by them in Elm Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 2nd and 3rd. You will get 75 cents' worth of laughs in the first act alone!

The FIRESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. L. Parker Miller are entertaining this week Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Charles and son from Paterson, N. J., also Mrs. Charles Fraley, from Hampton, Va.

Word has been received from Pasadena, Cal., that Mrs. Margaret Graves, together with her family, are planning to return to Narberth about May 6th.

Mr. James P. Rowbotham, a former resident of Narberth, never misses an opportunity of visiting his old home town. On Thursday, the 17th, he travelled over 60 miles in order to attend the annual banquet of the Men's Association of the Baptist Church of the Evangel and greatly enjoyed meeting many of his old Narberth friends. He is now a resident of Wyomissing, a suburb of Reading, Pa.

Mrs. Clarence Speakman, and daughter Mary, spent the Easter Holidays at Harrisburg and Gratz, Pa.

Mr. Albert C. Miller and family motored to Williamsport, Pa., over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Cleveland, Ohio, who have just motored north from Miami, Florida, spent a few days with the latter's sister, Mrs. Hettie Peterson, of 332 Woodbine Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Vallette, of Chestnut Ave., spent the Easter holidays in Washington, D. C.

Coach "Lou" Young, of the Pennsylvania Football team, spent the week at Culver Military Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp, of the Avon Apts., motored to Lewisburg, Pa., for Easter to visit the latter's parents.

Dr. J. J. Schemb, Jr., spent the week-end in New York attending the International Clinic of Dental Surgeons.

Henry Allen is driving a brand-new Star sport model touring car. During the election last Tuesday it did good service, as he had displayed on the back of the car the sign, "Vote—Women—Vote."

Ray Weiss has secured the agency for the Chrysler car, which is on display at his recently opened accessory store.

Miss Dorothy Chalfant has returned to the New Jersey College for Women after the spring vacation.

STATE PRESIDENT GUEST

At their last meeting, Thursday evening, April 24th, the Juniors had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Barker, President of the State Federation of Junior Sections of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Barker gave a most interesting talk on her experience as a club woman, pointing out the pitfalls for the young club that does not move warily and in the right direction. She also gave some interesting ideas of work accomplished by some of the other Junior Clubs with which she has been brought into contact through her position.

Mrs. Jacobs, of the Senior Club, also gave an address, which successfully completed a most interesting and inspiring program.

Miss Marion Trotter, at whose home the meeting was held, was in charge of the entertainment committee. The meeting adjourned after partaking of the novel refreshments prepared by the committee under Miss Trotter's guidance.

SCOUTS ON PIONIO

The annual picnic outing to Franklin's Mill, in Southern New Jersey, will be held this year on Saturday, May 3rd, starting from Scout Headquarters at 8 A. M. sharp.

This was such a successful and enjoyable trip last year that a large attendance is expected. All members of the Troop who wish to go should notify the Scoutmaster at next week's meeting.

Will those friends who kindly let us have the use of their cars last year offer them again this year? Any other friends of the Scouts with cars capable of taking four or five boys are cordially invited to come along and have a good time. Please phone Narberth 1613-M of your intention to be there.

Flaming Youth in Community Center Basketball Triumph

Juniors Plaster Seniors in Close Game

Last Tuesday night definitely put Narberth on the Athletic Map! The event was the battle waged between the two basketball teams from the two Community Clubs, the Seniors and the Juniors. The Juniors won, but don't say that too glibly, for the Seniors gave them one glorious run for their money.

You know the Seniors have been getting in a lot of deadly athletic stuff on the side so that now appearances are very deceiving. Some of our plumpiest Seniors are very husky and quick on their feet. Besides they have pep and the will to do.

To the uninitiated, girls basketball is a weird and wonderful thing. It is a game made up of a lot of boundaries and penalties for most anything you do.

The game started at eight thirty with a large crowd assembled for the Roman holiday. The Juniors got off to a flying start and things began to look bad for the Matrons. However, staging a comeback, the ball was kept in enemy territory quite consistently. All of this was fine except that they couldn't seem to make a basket. Again the Juniors surged ahead and again the Seniors rallied and kept the score from being too awful. About this time Mrs. Bergner and Mrs. Douglass, fellow guards on the Seniors, spent several hectic minutes frantically guarding each other while the active and accurate Junior forwards were getting in some deadly work unopposed.

So ended the first half with the Juniors serenely leading and both sides considerably winded. (Don't mind that last, Juniors, we have our peace of mind to consider.)

During the intermission, Mrs. Douglass called for silence and otherwise intimated that she wanted to make a speech. We didn't know what was going to happen. Maybe the sponge thrown in—maybe—anyway, in behalf of the Senior Gym Class Mrs. Douglass presented to Mrs. Bill Durbin a gold basketball ball in appreciation of her efforts in training them toward higher athletic attainments.

The second half opened with a rush on the part of the Juniors again, but the Seniors quickly came to the party and kept the score even. Mrs. Lentz and Mrs. McConnell, the Senior forwards showed great pep and headwork against difficulties.

About this time, the situation became so tense that the scorer, Bill Durbin, broke several pieces of chalk in his excitement. Again the Juniors took a good lead, only to lose it, and the final whistle blew giving the Juniors 28 against the Seniors 27. Which, by the way, speaks well for the Seniors, when you stop to think that the Junior Forwards both play on undefeated teams and—well, anyway, youth will be served!

Mrs. Bergner was the only serious casualty. Early in the game she injured her ankle, but was able to continue to the end. An X-ray showed a fracture of the ankle, and for the next couple of weeks she will play all her basketball on crutches!

The line-up:

Juniors	Seniors
Worth	Center
Livingston	Side Center
England	Forward
Noodham	Forward
Maguire	Guard
Henry	Guard
Substitutions—Nash for Orth.	Referee—Durbin. Linesman—Aiken and McCoy.

MUSICALE

A musicale for the benefit of the Building Fund of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, is being planned by the Ladies' Aid.

The event will take place at the Y. M. O. A. Building on Saturday, May 17th, at 8.15. Miss Anna Luckey, soprano, of New York; Miss Ruth McLina, also of New York, and an elocutionist, will render the program. The elocutionist will be a member of the National School of Elocution.

PLAYERS CALLED

Manager Fred Walzer, of the Narberth Baseball team, has issued a call for players to report this afternoon for the first practice. He wishes to look over the candidates, so that a team can be selected. Rain prevented the first practice last Saturday, and a big turn-out is expected today.

Report Presented at Meeting

Plans for Proposed Building are Shown

The architect's plans for the proposed Community Center Building were shown to Narberth's organizations at a meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday night.

About one hundred interested citizens attended, and listened with considerable interest to the exhaustive report presented by the Committee. This report, which goes into every phase of the plans, finances, control, etc., is printed in full in this issue of "Our Town."

A motion was made by President of Council W. R. D. Hall that the meeting go on record as thanking the committee for the thoroughness of their work, and approving the plans. This motion was unanimously passed. Dr. Leary A. King then moved that the committee be continued, to follow the project through. The two immediate tasks which will confront them are the securing of a definite expression of approval or disapproval from each organization, and the holding of a joint conference with Council and the Recreation Board to iron out the numerous technicalities which will confront the project.

The plans, as explained in the report are very complete. Provision has been made for every activity which might find a use for the building. A large swimming pool, bowling alleys, and locker rooms are important features of the plans.

A wing for the Community Library has been provided to fit the wishes of Mr. R. E. Wood, the Librarian. Advice on the size room needed for future growth was obtained from the State Librarian at Harrisburg.

The Report

At the last general meeting of the representatives of your organization, February 25th, the Chairman of that Conference was, by suitable resolution, directed to appoint a committee of ten, of which he himself should be the chairman; said committee being charged with the development in detail of a plan for the accomplishment of a Community Center, embracing a report as to the funds available, method of acquiring and operating a building, approximate costs of erection and maintenance, and a form of management and control.

Pursuant to these instructions, the committee signing this report was appointed and has given careful consideration and study to the problem entrusted to it.

The chairman seeks permission at this point to remark that the seriousness and importance of this undertaking was not underrated; that any report such a committee might make would undoubtedly influence, one way or another, the future of the contemplated development. The problem of personnel of the committee was of utmost importance. A report, to be of practical value, must be authoritative, and to accomplish this it was necessary that the committee number among its members a lawyer, an architect, a builder, and, for our particular purposes, representatives of the Borough governing bodies, including Council, the School Board and Recreation Board, as well as of the larger participating organizations. Upon this premise the committee was built. Though overruled by the committee members, the chairman is presuming to here express his personal appreciation of the hearty cooperation of every member of the committee, and to remark to this General Conference that never before, in any line of activity, has it been his pleasure and good fortune to head a committee whose every member gave so unstintingly the time, effort and thought requisite to the success of the matter in hand.

That this Conference might be advised definitely and concretely of the feasibility and possibility of a combined Community Center, it was necessary to approach the subject from many angles; to weigh and reweigh many alternate suggestions and probabilities; to develop fully all underlying elements and to bring all conclusions together into one consolidated and, in our view, practicable plan. This we have undertaken to do in the following report, which, because of the many phases inherent to such a plan, is divided into numbered parts.

LOCATION

First, because of the many subsequent problems that would be dependent upon the location of the building. (Continued on Page 2)

OUR TOWN

A BIG SAVING

is in store for the people of Narberth during the coming week. We have purchased a large amount of

Corrugated Garbage Cans

in a bankrupt sale which enables us to sell them far below the regular selling price. We are passing the bargain to you, take advantage of it.

Regular Price	Size	Our Reduced Price
\$1.25	1	\$.75
1.40	2	.90
1.50	3	1.00
1.75	4	1.25

H. RICKLIN

SCHOOL NOTES

Mr. Kelley, a supervisor of schools in Brockton, Mass., visited the borough schools on Tuesday and Wednesday. He was very commendatory about the work of our schools.

"Hiawatha" was given on Friday night before a large and appreciative audience.

Reports were issued in the Junior High School on Wednesday. The following received honors for the period:

Ninth Grade—First Honors: Ruth Caldwell, John Havlick, Laura Henderson, Edwin Speakman; Second Honors: Katharine Adams, Wallace Litchfield, Anna McCracken, Elizabeth Walls.

Eighth Grade—Second Honors: Rob-

ert Barclay, Patience Wohler.

Seventh Grade—First Honors: William Henderson, Ruth Hopkins, Ernestine Hunt, Eleanor Michaelson, Katharine Smith; Second Honors: Frederick Bates, Helga Wohler.

Upon returning from a joyfully spent Easter vacation the Freshmen pupils of the Narberth Schools found that they must buckle down and complete their school work with honors, although many of the tasks which confront them are difficult. One of these is the essay to be written for the prize offered by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Most of the subjects which the students have chosen to write about find their origin in familiar but extremely historic places.

William Miller, an Eighth Grade pupil at the Narberth School, has recently returned from Italy with some very interesting facts about that country. On Tuesday he gave a very interesting talk, accompanying it and explaining them as he went along by lantern slides of things and places in Italy. The entertainment was enjoyed by all who attended and has no doubt done much to widen the knowledge of the audience in regard to Italy.

The Narberth School Baseball Team played that of Montgomery Day School on Wednesday. It was the first game of the season for the former, and in spite of their praiseworthy endeavors the game was won by Montgomery, the score being 9 to 3.

The hobbled hair fever has invaded the school and a couple of the teachers there have fallen under its influence.

Editors: Dorothy Speck and Laura Henderson.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GARDEN LOVERS

The Main Line Federation of Churches will hold its Second Annual Little Garden Day Sale on the grounds of the Memorial Building, on the afternoon of Monday, May 19th, from 2 until 7 o'clock. Mrs. J. Emmet Caldwell will be chairman this year and will be assisted by Mrs. George A. Mahl, who will have charge of the refreshments. The booths of the different districts will be decorated in distinctive colors, and will be under the charge of the following ladies: Mrs. Romaine Hoffman, of Narberth; Mrs. S. E. Downs, of Ardmore; Mrs. Francis Brook, of Bryn Mawr; Mrs. William Cowan, of Llanerch; and Mrs. Claypoole, of Gladwyn. Mrs. Frederick Sharpless, of Rosemont, is in charge of the publicity.

Flowers and vegetable plants, seeds, tools for the garden, and attractive aprons will be on sale, as well as many other novelties for garden enthusiasts.

A new feature will be a booth devoted to second-hand garden books and garden magazines.

Main Line garden owners will have an opportunity to buy beautiful plants at very low prices, as they are all donated by owners of large estates and persons interested in the Federation of Churches who have perennial gardens.

The Haverford College Orchestra will play from 3 until 6, when refreshments will be served out of doors.

It is hoped that Main Line garden lovers will have an opportunity to meet socially at this time and exchange information on the planning of little gardens.

BENEFIT FOR "SUNNY HAVEN MISSION COTTAGE"

A benefit will be held on Wednesday, May 7th, at the Ardmore Theatre, under the auspices of the Star of the East Missionary Society of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church.

The purpose of the benefit is to establish a fund for the upkeep of "Sunny Haven Mission Cottage," one of a group of cottages at Ventnor, N. J., owned by the Pennsylvania Medical Missionary Society, and used by missionaries home on furlough, as guests of the society.

"Richard, the Lion-Hearted," the sequel to Douglas Fairbanks' popular "Robin Hood," will be shown, together with a clever parody on "The Covered Wagon," and other attractions.

Tickets may be obtained from the Treasurer, Mrs. Anthony S. Morris, Jr., Haverford, Pa., or the Cottage Tea Room, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

LARGE MALE CHORUS FORMING

Annual Main Line Outdoor Music Festival

The male singers of the Main Line are being given the first opportunity to apply for membership in the large male chorus now being organized for the Annual Outdoor Music Festival to be given on Saturday evening, June 7, on the Bryn Mawr Polo Grounds.

Mr. Russell A. Guthbert, Merion 614-R, is the local chairman for Narberth, and application should be made to him by singers residing in or near his locality.

This year's Music Festival will be the largest ever staged along the Main Line. In addition to the male chorus of over 100 voices, 50 picked members of the Philadelphia Orchestra have been engaged to round out this unusual program, which will be widely varied, featuring artists of international reputation, a dramatic soprano never before heard in Philadelphia, who will be assisted at the piano by the great Richard Hageman, whom the "Chicago Tribune" described recently as "the greatest accompanist in America," and who is also one of the best conductors. Very entrancing dancers will present for the first time in Philadelphia a repertoire of unique and original drama dances, a baritone of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, described as the Second Tito Ruffo, will also be heard in several arias.

The director is Clarence C. Nice, a resident of our community and conductor of the San Carlo Opera Company.

Can you imagine the magnitude of such a program? Offering so many renowned artists, in addition to the large male chorus and 50 members of the Philadelphia Orchestra? And all this lovely music to be enjoyed out under Nature's azure blue in the cool of a summer evening.

Due to the fact that there will be but five or six rehearsals, it is essential that the members of this chorus shall be good readers of music, and possess voices that will blend well.

Membership in the chorus will be open for only a limited time, and necessitates prompt action. Phone your local chairman, or Mr. Nice, Narberth 1608, state your qualifications and request a membership card before it is too late. The first rehearsal will be held during the week of April 28. Local chairmen will have definite announcement of the place and night within the next few days.

ADVENTURES

Ask Ed. Bauer and Walter Sawyer how they enjoyed Easter Sunday. Oh, boy! Due to a carefully prearranged plan, these devotees of meadow pool asked their wives to excuse them from going to church last Sunday morning, pleading indisposition. As soon as their families had departed, however, Ed. and Walter made a bee line for the St. Davids links. Just retribution for deceiving their folks soon descended on their heads—the hooky players were hooked. As any sane person (in this class we do not include golfers) would have known the course was not in playable condition, due to the heavy rains of the night before. There was nothing to do then but to go home. Arriving there, each awaited the return of his family from morning worship and breathed not a word of having been away from his own fireside. In the meantime the faithful spouses of these two "invalids" had hatched up a scheme to take the boys out for an airing during the afternoon, a sea voyage being decided upon. It seems that both husbands had come from seafaring families and had bred in them an inherent love of the briny deep. The father of one was a canal boat captain and the other a deck hand on a Camden ferry boat. The well meaning wives knew this and decided that the trip to Wilmington by river was just the thing to bring the glow of health to the cheeks of the hard-working heads of their respective families.

Well, to cut this tale short, they sailed. The hooky players couldn't refuse or back out. They enjoyed their voyage as much as a salamander would enjoy a trip to Alaska. As is often the case with feminine influence, it is the more potent when used unconsciously. One day of really heavy weather cured our would-be deep sea golfers. They have learned the bitter truth that water and golf will not mix, and the next cloudy Sunday we expect to see these delinquent fathers marching to church at the head of their respective families, duly chastened. It is to be hoped that on clear Sundays we shall also find them in their pews, but, knowing them as we do, we have our doubts.

LOCAL ARTIST IN CONCERT ON MONDAY

Remember the date—April 28th—of the concert to be given by the Dorothy Johnstone-Baseler Harp Ensemble, in St. Matthias' Hall, Cynwyd, at 8.15.

This concert offers the community a distinct musical treat and, in addition, a convenient opportunity to appreciate the splendid talent of the neighborhood, for four of these distinguished harpists live in Cynwyd—the talented director, Dorothy Johnstone-Baseler, Dorothy Fox, Frances Lane and Jean Newbourg Littleton. Perhaps we may best realize how fortunate we are to have this concert presented at our very doors when we consider that this Harp Ensemble has carried enjoyment to the music lovers of Wilkes-Barre, Lancaster, Wilmington, Haddonfield, Chestnut Hill and many other places besides Philadelphia.

The members comprising the Ensemble, including those already mentioned, are Anne Ashton, Elizabeth Cashman, Stella Marie Carvin, Phyllis Hollinrake, Florence Kenworthy, Kathryn Springer and Violet Marie Terrill.

The assisting artists will be Nicola Thomas, violinist, and Frank Oglesby, tenor. Too much cannot be said in praise of the artistry of Nicola Thomas. Her tone is superior and her technique flawless. She has appeared on many programs with the greatest artists.

Frank Oglesby's place among musicians of the first rank is not to be questioned. His fine voice, discerning interpretations and charming personality always capture his audiences.

Mrs. Edward C. Jacoby is chairman of this concert, which is given for the building fund of the Memorial Library.

NARBERTH WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 19

By the Co-operative Observer

	High	Low
Barometer	30.27	29.62
Temperature	76	38
Precipitation, 2.68 inches.		
Total since April 1, 6.11 inches.		
Temperature deficiency since April 1, 44 degrees.		
Deficiency same period last year, 75 degrees.		

COMING

American Legion Minstrels!!!

3rd annual exhibition of big time Dough Boy Minstrelsy in Narberth will be at Elm Hall, Friday evening, May 9, 1924.

This year's cast, augmented and amplified by the American Legion Auxiliary, bigger, better than ever.

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OUR TOWN

Letters to Editor

To the Editor of "Our Town":

Narberth does not need much to make it the garden spot of the Main Line; and the little it needs can be acquired or achieved by the exercise of lively civic and community action.

It needs a new and enlarged station. We should take this up with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

It needs a new Post Office. What's the matter with our representative in Congress? Let's tell him.

Old wooden shacks on certain properties are not only eyesores but a fire menace. They should be ordered removed.

The Civic Association provides receptacles for old paper and refuse. Why throw it on the streets?

People who have children should teach them how to behave, and stop throwing things on other people's property.

Owners of vacant lots should be required to keep them in order, and not permit weeds to grow and scatter their seeds on our gardens.

Owners of dogs should not permit them to run at large, and when they do they should be captured and released only on payment of a fine by their owners. On second offence the dog's license should be revoked.

We who try to make Narberth attractive should not have our work undone by children, dogs and vacant land owners.

The Borough Council has the power to correct some of these evils. Why not do it?

RADIOS.

A PERTINENT QUESTION

To the Editor of "Our Town":

On February 12 the new Junior High School was opened with appropriate ceremonies, fine speeches, and many promises. Mr. Downs extended a general invitation to the public to inspect and visit the building, not only then but whenever an opportunity offered. Such an opportunity, if there ever was one, was offered the public on the night of the concert of the Main Line Orchestra given for the benefit of the L. M. H. S. Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund. What was the disappointment of many people who attended the concert as much in expectation of seeing the building as of hearing the orchestra, to find, after the concert, universal darkness and lack of illumination even in some of the main hallways, doors to the various rooms locked, and so on. Not only was the building not thrown open for inspection, but the corridors leading to the gymnasium were kept in utter darkness by officious janitors whose sole aim seemed to be to keep as many lights turned off as possible.

This unnecessary annoyance of townspeople desirous of seeing a building in which they as taxpayers take a just pride, is unpardonable. As a public building on a public occasion there seemed little necessity on the part of officialdom for hurrying the people out. A dance in the gymnasium followed the concert. Most people thought that the partitions between stage and gymnasium floor would be thrown open and that they could view the dancing in comfort from the seats in the auditorium—one of the purposes for which the auditorium and gymnasium had been so designed. What was their surprise and disappointment to find that such was not to be the case, and that if they wished to watch the dancing they would have to crowd into the gymnasium along with the dancers and either stand along the walls or else occupy chairs intended for the dancers. Now most persons are still unfamiliar with the building; few knew the way to the gymnasium, especially

through dark corridors. After some protest one janitor condescended to turn on the lights in one corridor, but they didn't stay on long. If the object was to disperse the crowd early it certainly succeeded. Most persons went home disappointed in their hope of inspecting the building, or viewing the dancing in comfort, and annoyed at the grumpiness and discourtesy of those who had the building in charge.

Why this to annoy, offend, and discomfort the people of Lower Merion township in their perfectly legitimate desire to know and appreciate what is theirs? Not only was the treatment accorded the public discourteous to them, but it was discourteous to the orchestra and their guests, and especially to the Alumni Association, who were acting as hosts and who, I am sure, feel as much put out as the general public.

Surely the people of this Township can expect better treatment at the hands of their public officials than this.

R. T. O.

LOWER MERION HIGH NEWS

Classes again went into session Tuesday morning as Easter vacation ended. The Easter vacation began last Thursday morning. No more holidays are in sight until Decoration Day, May 30.

Thanks are slow in getting going again after the holidays. No assembly was held Tuesday morning, but Thursday the track and baseball teams got into action again. The baseball team played Chester away and the track had a practice meet with Haverford School.

The nine had a game with Darby listed for Tuesday, but it was called off because of the rain. A tennis match with Northeast in the city was also postponed because of the activities of Jupiter Pluvius.

The track team, since its return to training, has been busy getting in shape for the Penn Relays at Franklin Field today and tomorrow. Predictions are that the Lower Merion runners will win the suburban relays.

The chances of the Maroon and White cinder path team are excellent, due to the fact that three of its last year's stars, Captain Peterson, Seull and Cooper, are again back in togs this season.

Lower Merion will be entered in the mile relay on both days of the meet, and in the two mile relay today. The line-up, up until the last moment, was uncertain, but Coach Frank M. Forstburg will very likely enter the following men in the mile relay: Parring, Lockwood, Cooper and Seull, with Peterson and Heard as substitutes; in the two mile relay: Kohlas, Rubishon, Blumphin and Reiss.

The baseball team which is under the tutelage of Coach L. B. Fowler, has been having a disappointing season thus far. Most of the disappointment comes in the fact that to the present but two games of seven that have been scheduled have been played. The management has been forced to call off contest after contest due to snow, rain and other causes.

Then to make things worse the two

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games that were played, have been lost by overwhelming scores. Merion started the Maroon and White diamond players on the downgrade by trimming them 11-1 in the first game of the season on April 11. Upper Darby gave the Fowlerites another push down when they swamped them to a 22-3 tune. Games that have been called off have been with Cheltenham, West Catholic, Cheltenham and Darby.

TOWNSHIP COMMISSION

All building records in Lower Merion Township were broken in March, when permits totalling more than \$1,000,000 were issued, according to the report of C. E. Rahn, chief inspector, presented at the meeting of the Township Commission, in Ardmore, on Wednesday night last.

The exact figures, \$1,000,779, for 95 permits covering 151 operations, is the highest for any month since the establishment of the building regulation department under the building code. The record breaking amount of business in March brought the total for the first three months of 1924 to \$2,138,359, nearly double last year's total for the first quarter.

William H. C. Ramsey, of Bryn Mawr, who was recommended by the Business Men's Association of Bryn Mawr for the vacancy existing on the Zoning Commission, was appointed. Mr. Ramsey is a civil engineer and supervised the installation of the last addition to Johnstown's water supply. He should make a useful member of the Commission.

To Publish Township Maps

The Commission adopted the recommendation of Major John Lewis Evans for publishing a map of Lower Merion. About 300 copies will be issued. They will be useful for many purposes.

Clean Up Week will be Monday, May 5, to Saturday, May 10, when all housekeepers are expected to co-operate with

the Commissioners and have Lower Merion's yards and cellars looking spick and span.

In order that the Fire Department of the township may be as effective as possible a conference was held Monday night at the Commissioners' office in Ardmore. The chief, or his assistant, or both, of each company were invited to meet the Police and Fire Committee and discuss plans.

Mr. Frank McMoran, of the Playgrounds Committee, reported that his committee was ready to go ahead with the program adopted by the School Board.

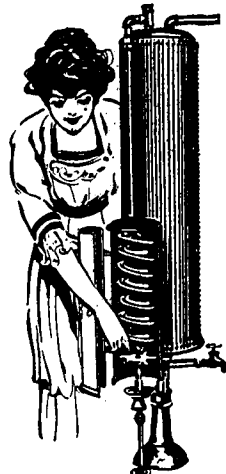
An amendment was offered to the Building Code, whereby sideyards must be at least four feet wide.

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was given in the honor of Miss Eleanor Burns last Saturday evening at the home of her parents, 250 Iowa Avenue, Narberth, Pa. Among the guests of the younger set on the Main Line that attended were: Peg Percy, Edith Maguire, Ann Buckley, Shellah Foster, Ray Humphries, Madeline Miesen, Julie Fittipaldi, Esther Lentz, Agnes Leonard, Isabelle Hill, Dorothy Fox, Charlotte Redmond, Madeline Peters, Olga Bentz, Shirley Sheart, William Buckley, William Malin, Dan Leikh, Sherman Walley, Chandler Laughlan, George Hayden, Norman Frankendorf, John Fleming, John Nugent, John Pettit, John Woodward, William Markie, Kenneth Hampton, Richard Dunlap, Robert McCracken, David Bevan, Louis Mandes, James Gallagher, Peter Mahoney, Richard Rhineholt, Paul Erdman.

HEALTH REPORT

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INCLUDED in the rate schedules which this company filed with the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania on April 1st to become effective May 1st is a new plan for calls between Philadelphia and suburban points.

The present rates are based on the distance from one central point in Philadelphia to a central point in each suburban exchange area. Thus the rate between Philadelphia and Lansdowne on this basis is 10c.

Under the new plan Philadelphia will be divided into four zones, each zone having its own toll rates to suburban points. Toll rates to suburban points will then be based on the distance from a central point in each of the zones.

Thus the new rate between West Philadelphia and Lansdowne will be 5c. Between Lansdowne and central Philadelphia it will be 10c, as at present. Similarly, Melrose subscribers will be able to talk to Oak Lane and other nearby Philadelphia central offices for 5c.

This new arrangement will apply between Philadelphia and all suburban points. It will result in a saving to subscribers of about \$100,000 a year, and will work out more equitably in many cases where under the present plan the toll rate between suburban communities and adjacent sections of Philadelphia is 10c or 15c.

Certain other rate changes on Out-of-Town calls are made in the new rate schedules.

Many of the Station-to-Station rates which are now 25c or over will not be increased. Where the rates are changed the increase in most cases is not more than 5c. There is no change on rates of 75c or over.

Person-to-Person calls under the new schedules will be charged for at approximately 40 per cent. more than the Station-to-Station day rates, instead of about 25 per cent. more, as at present. This applies only on calls on which the Person-to-Person rate is less than \$1.00.

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News of the Churches

ST. MARGARET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Daily Mass at 8 A. M.

THE OLD MERION FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE

Montgomery Pike, Narberth, was established 1682. Here William Penn worshipped, as well as many other noted Friends. One of the historical spots of America is open for worship every First-day (Sunday) morning at 11 o'clock.

First-day School is held every First day (Sunday) at 10 A. M. in the Meeting House. Any one desiring to attend either the adult class or the young people's class will be very welcome.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

Meetings for next Sunday:
9.45 A. M.—Bible School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning worship. Rev. Percy Y. Schelly, D. D., Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Pennsylvania, will preach.

6.45 P. M.—Christian Endeavor meeting. Leader, Betty Henry.

7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. The Church Quartette will present a special musical program, including a repetition of some of the Easter music.

Church Notes

Next Wednesday evening Dr. Samuel Z. Shope will continue in his series of addresses on the general theme, "From Eternity to Eternity."

Next Friday evening the Elders of this church and their wives will be entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Van Ness.

BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE EVANGEL

Rev. Avery S. Demmy, Pastor

Services for Sunday, April 27:
9.45 A. M.—Sunday School.
11.00 A. M.—Children's Church.
11.00 A. M.—Morning worship.
7.00 P. M.—Young People's Meeting.

7.45 P. M.—Evening worship.
In the absence of Mr. A. A. Chalker, the Children's Church on Sunday morning will be in charge of Mrs. Walter B. Taitt. The subject will be, "What to Plant in Our Garden." Parents are urged to have their children remain after Sunday School for this service.

Our quartet will render the following musical numbers: A. M.—"Seek Ye the Lord," Roberts; "What Are These?" Stainer. P. M.—"The Radiant Morn," Woodward; "I Will Lay Me Down in Peace," Gadsby.
You will be welcome to all these services.

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The subject of the Bible Lesson sermon for April 27th, will be "Probation after Death."

Beginning next Sunday, all our services will be held under Daylight Saving Time.

CLUB DANSANT

This is the night when you and your friends will have the opportunity of dancing to the music of the celebrated University Five, in a glorified Elm Hall. John Wine's previous efforts to beautify the hall are pale affairs compared to this one. The color scheme is a secret, or I'd tell you more about it. However, you know it must be beautiful to surpass any one of the others.
Of course the Reception Committee will be there, headed by Ted Dold, he of the smile like California Sunshine. His presence at any social affair insures its success.

Then there is the refreshment table, with a punch so delicious and more-ish that you surely will enjoy.

The committee as usual have put forth a great deal of effort and considerable expense to insure you a good time. All you need to do is come. We cannot be held responsible if you fail to, and then everlastingly regret it.

Remember the time, April 26, at nine. The place, Elm Hall. The girl, your own. We hope to see you among the large crowd we expect.

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A certificate of valuation for the Springfield Consolidated Water Company, furnishing service in Montgomery, Delaware and Bucks Counties and part of Philadelphia, was approved last Tuesday by Public Service Commission for \$17,000,000.

MELODY CLUB BENEFIT

The Melody Club of Ardmore will give a benefit at the Ardmore Theatre on Tuesday, April 29. The attraction will be "Black Oxen." The picture will also be shown on Monday evening, but the Melody Club will benefit only from Tuesday's performances. Tickets may be secured from any member of the club or from any of the following stores in Narberth: Howard's, Crane's, Davis'.

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its accompanying playground facilities.

And it is further agreed by and between the associations and organizations signatory hereto that they shall mutually cooperate in promotion of said plans and in securing representation upon such board or committee as may be formed for the erection of said community center building and its management and control after the construction shall have been completed.

In Witness Whereof the parties have caused their duly authorized officers to interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto this day of A. D. 1924.

Witness at signing:

Organization Amount
By President.

THE BUILDING ITS FORM AND COST

Much care and detailed thought was given to this phase of the subject because of the importance of providing for the varied and multitude uses for which such a building is so badly needed. The committee's first plans, drawn to cover all contingencies and to allow for the growth of the town, were found to involve a cost which in the opinion of the committee was more than it was felt should properly be expended. The thought of the committee is that not more than \$150,000 should be expended on the project; further, that for less than this amount an adequate building, or one of worthwhile usefulness, cannot be provided, and the building plan submitted with this report is one which the committee, based upon close building estimates, figures can be erected for the amount stated, and is a building plan respectfully submitted for the consideration of this Joint Conference. The principal features incorporated, none of which could be eliminated without hurt to the plan, include an auditorium of approximately 500 seating capacity; a swimming pool of regulation size; a gymnasium floor of ample size not only for gymnasium work, but for basketball, dances, etc. Rooms also offer accommodations for meetings of the Legion, Boy and Girl Scouts, Women's Clubs, etc.; showers and lockers not only for use with the swimming pool, but available from the playing field after athletic events necessitate their use. Suitable quarters are also provided for the Library, a feature of evergrowing usefulness and popularity.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

As alluded to in Section C, Part No. 2, these costs may be defrayed by Council from tax funds. Necessarily as a Borough property the responsibility for operating and maintaining the building would be upon Council. It would not be deemed wise, however, to require that such expenses come exclusively from taxation. While it is the spirit of the law that such property be not used for commercial purposes or personal gain, there is no legal restriction to the charging of admissions or rentals for the building or grounds. The best policy would perhaps be to charge all organizations a reasonable, or at least nominal, rental. These charges would naturally be graded on a basis equitable to all, dependent upon the character and frequency of use, and dependent also upon the character and financial status of each organization. It is figured to be reasonably safe to assume that the income from rooms, from the swimming pool, and from other sources would closely approximate the operating costs. All minor details in connection with this feature of the proposition would be handled by the Governing Board, which is the subject of the next Part. As to the grounds, maintenance may legally be assumed by the School Board, and as they have already set the precedent by assigning funds for that purpose, it is proper to assume that the School Board will annually apportion some fund for this purpose, the amount dependent upon requirements and upon the funds available with the Board.

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

This was referred to in Section B of Part No. 2. Several methods of control are available. Control would be determined by Council and nothing more than a gentlemen's agreement could bind them to any specific course of action. Control could by ordinance of Council be placed in the now existing Recreation Board. An alternate plan would be for Council to authorize and instruct the Recreation Board to appoint an Advisory Board to control the building, such Advisory Board being under jurisdiction of the Recreation Board, who would exercise direction of the specific activities and acts of the Advisory Board. A still further

plan, and a plan which this committee endorses and recommends to your favorable consideration, would be for Council to appoint a new and separate body to be the Governing Board to be responsible only to Borough Council, it being understood, by virtue of the gentlemen's agreement hereinbefore alluded to, that Council in the appointment of this Governing Board would give proper proportionate representation to the participating organizations, particularly those whose moneys were used in forming the initial \$50,000 fund. Such Governing Board should, however, for purposes of efficient administration, not exceed seven in number. This Board would be fully charged with the responsibility of the proper operation and control of the building. It should be observed in passing, however, that the Board would have no jurisdiction over the grounds, the control there remaining exclusively with the Recreation Board as currently obtains.

FINANCING

We have now reached the pivotal point of the entire plan. If any one phase of this whole matter was considered more carefully than another, this then is the one so studied. It was first determined that to exceed \$150,000 was to seek more than it was felt the town might reasonably be expected to absorb. It was afterwards found that at less than this figure some feature deemed essential to the requirements of the Borough would have to be eliminated. At this figure, having in view the approximately \$50,000 referred to, we were left with the problem of solving how the remaining \$100,000 might be secured. Could we get it from gifts and contributions? A survey left us more than in doubt, and rather fully convinced that such a figure could not be approached in Narberth. To endeavor to get it from outside sources was not only a problematical but exceedingly doubtful proposition viewed from the standpoint of accomplishment. It was further felt that a town of Narberth's size could not with proper dignity seek outside itself the means of accomplishing a purely local enterprise. Furthermore, the contribution basis is grossly inequitable, unfairly distributing as it does the burden of cost while offering benefits equally to all. There is no definitely known source of larger gifts or endowments, and thus the committee gave consideration to another possibility, that of financing by a bond issue.

The Bond Issue. This method of financing has several elements in its favor. First, it obviates the necessity for complete and immediate raising of necessary funds from the townspeople. As is the custom with issues of this character the payments would run over a period of thirty years. Second, it is an absolutely fair method of financing a project which is of immediate value to the town as a whole and to every resident individually. By this method each resident pays his proper, though individually small, share. Third, the annual expense is small—such a bond issue necessitating but two mills additional in the tax rate, or \$6.00 per year on the average assessment of \$3,000; last year's assessment being \$3,500,000, and there being 1,100 properties in the Borough. For this and succeeding years the assessments will undoubtedly rise, owing to new construction, and this would have a tendency to ease the necessity for a continuance of the millage increase mentioned.

In the opinion of this committee, and on this point the committee is again unanimous, the fairest, most feasible and practicable plan of financing is by such a bond issue and we recommend accordingly.

The committee recommended to be appointed by Part No. 4 hereof should be authorized and directed to have the issue properly cared for on the ballot at the next election, at which time the electorate may express its view, and in the meantime the matter should be the subject of an educational campaign, that all may appreciate the full intent and purpose of the project, and unquestionably the whole plan should receive the full and active support of every Narberth organization and individual interested in the accomplishment of this proposed development.

THE MEMORIAL

We pause at this point to recognize with all of you and with the entire community of Narberth that we have thus far failed to provide any tangible expression of recognition of the services of the Boys of the World War. Is it ever to remain a thought, unexpressed, or will some token of our esteem take form only after the Boys have passed along beyond the pale of appreciation? Surely not. We believe

it needs only a concrete suggestion to lead the Town to the fulfillment of this sacred duty.

This committee recommends a Memorial Fountain or granite shaft, with suitable tablets, to be placed before the building at the center of a circle formed by a motor driveway linking Windsor avenue with the building entrance set some one hundred feet back from the roadway, as indicated more in detail on the print of the plans submitted herewith.

CONCLUSIONS

Throughout this report, in the several numbered Parts thereof, will be found the recommendations of the committee which may quite properly be considered our conclusions, thereby making unnecessary a repetition as we conclude our report. It has been the attempt of the committee to so cover all phases as to give answer to most questions that would quite naturally be raised. We have, in the foregoing, expressed our thought on the angles of the situation without thus far giving any opinion on the plans we recommend, or on the proposition as a proposition. As to the former, it is well that we should not so do—the opinion of the plan as a whole should come from you and from the rest of the interested Narberth citizens. On the latter, however, we cannot refrain from the expression of one general thought, namely, that Narberth is badly in need, and will shortly be in more urgent need, of a Center for its activities, both indoor and outdoor. No really suitable place, becoming the dignity of the Town, and the needs of its people, is available. It is perhaps a reproach on us that this is so—that, for instance, the Narberth Choral Society, a distinctly Narberth organization, must needs go to Ardmore to give its concerts, as it so recently did. We feel, further, that the Town can and should bear the small burden essential to the accomplishment of this development and we unanimously urge that some general plan, whether what we have suggested or not, but which will obtain the same end, be adopted by this Conference. The benefits to the Town as a whole and to everyone individually will undoubtedly be more than can now be perceived.

This thus constitutes the unanimous report of your committee. We have given the subject our earnest thought and have made such recommendations as we deem constitute the wisest course of procedure, all of which is most re-

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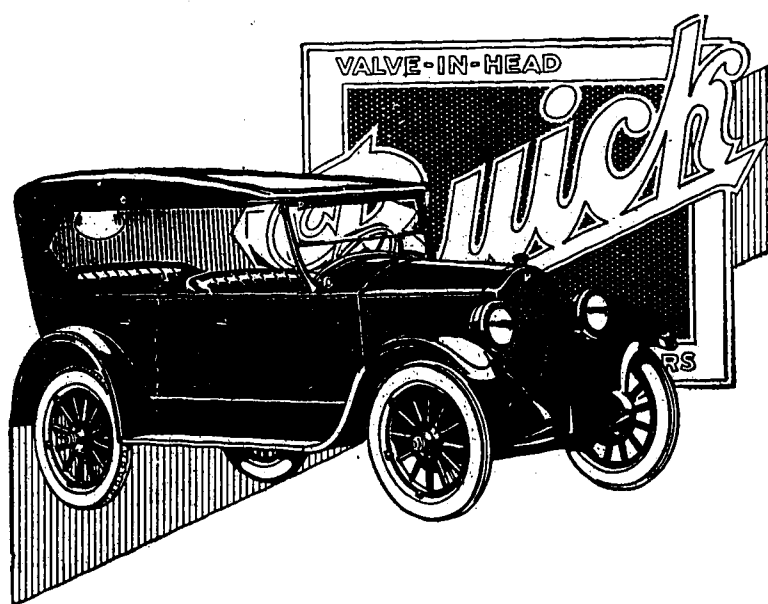
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